

REMARKS

Claims 5-25 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1-4 are pending.

Claim 3 has been amended in a manner believed to overcome the objection to claim 3. The cancellation of claims 5-25 is believed to render moot the remaining claims objections, as well as the rejections under 35 USC 112 and 35 USC 101.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Steele. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite “providing access to the image in a manner that allows the configuration setting to be changed by modifying a portion of the image that is associated with a configuration database in which the configuration setting is stored.” Support for the amendment is found, without limitation, in the above-captioned Application at p. 7, lines 18-19 and p. 9, lines 13-18.

Steele describes “upgrading” a master image by replacing the master image with “a new master image” made after one or more components being imaged have been patched or otherwise upgraded. Steele, p. 7, paragraph [0060]. Replacing an image with a different image made after imaged components have been upgraded is not the same as changing a configuration setting by modifying a portion of an image as recited in claim 1. As such, claim 1 is believed to be allowable.

Claims 2-4 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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